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### WHERE CRITICISM FAILS.

While Cox is howling about a republican slush fund "to buy the presidency," why not tell a few things about democratic waste against the people. He and his bunch need not fear about anyone buying the presidency. It was sold long ago and they were the sellers, to the American people, who, by vote next November, will deliver it to whom they want, slush fund or no slush fund.

Take the matter of democratic waste in only two cases, viz., the powder plants at Old Hickory near Nashville and at Nitro, Va., and the record surpasses any republican slush fund ever charged. And this was not "buying the presidency," but it was stealing from the people in debauching their money.

For instance the members of the News force subscribed money for bonds when it seemed that the money was needed far more for some other object. Millions of people did the same thru the same spirit of patriotism, who needed the money they subscribed, as much as did the employees on the News, for home uses. They hated the war, but determined to help win it, even if it did take sacrifice. The News office today has more machinery in poor order than it ever had, owing to the management taking the money it should have spent for repairs and placing it at the disposal of the government to win an undesired and accursed war. As far as purchasing new type it has been out of the question.

But to the two powder plants. The following from the National Republican tells the shameful stories:

"Perhaps our most expensive debauch was in the powder plant, Old Hickory, near Nashville, Tenn. On a cost-plus basis, the DuPont people built it, and it cost \$90,000,000.

Here, according to evidence before the congressional investigating committee, there never were more than half the hired employees at work at one time—"the government was paying the bill" and so "there was no use to hurry or worry"; new copper wire and valves in the original packages were sold as junk; two acre lots of first-class material were sold at junk prices; 244 car loads of "good material" were sold for junk, two thirds being bought by a Nashville junk dealer whose brother was in charge of the salvage lot, etc. In consequence, though costing \$90,000,000, the Old Hickory has a salvage value of less than \$10,000,000.

The administration built another powder plant at Nitro, W. Va. It spent on this nearly \$70,000,000. It built another plant at Perryville, Md., which cost \$14,000,000. This profligate dissipation in powder plants is hard to understand.

We manufactured during the war in the United States 536,000,000 pounds of powder. Of these the DuPonts made 427,000,000 pounds. We shipped to Europe 270,000,000 pounds. The two plants, Old Hickory and Nitro, were expected to manufacture 1,500,000 pounds per day, yet the DuPonts were already qualified to manufacture all the powder the United States needed. No reason for the erection of these other plants on such a prodigious scale can be found.

At these plants cities were built with thousands of modern homes beautifully constructed, vast waterworks, paved streets, sewers, theaters and other places of amusement. These "magic cities" were not populated, but they were built. At Nitro, the waterworks system was constructed for a city of 600,000

## FOR AMERICA

For America and its citizens the News desires a change of officials at Washington, Nov. 2.

For America and its citizens the News is against the league of nations.

For America and its citizens the News desires a strict adherence to the principles which have made this country great, and, if adhered to, will make it greater.

For America and its citizens the News wants every man and woman to think out the problems for themselves and walk to the polls in November resolved to cast their vote strictly for their own country and no other.

people. In the building of these plants on a cost-plus basis, everything was done apparently that could make for increased cost. There were free housemaids for the families engaged in construction; there were free water, free heat, free gas, free light, free drugs, free medical service and free rent. In addition fabulous prices were paid. At one date at one plant there were five physicians in the hospital with thirty-seven attendants and sixteen patients. At the height of construction at this plant there were employed 100 physicians and 112 nurses.

At the Nitro plant in August and September, 1918, 50,000,000 pounds of cotton were hauled in and dumped from the cars in the mud along the track. There it remained exposed to the weather and there it lies today, rotted and ruined. At this same plant the managers hauled 31,000 tons of sulphur costing \$30 per ton or \$930,000, and simply dumped it out and let it spoil.

A few months ago the government sold everything at Nitro for \$8,550,000 giving ten years in which to pay the sum, altho' the plant and material there had cost \$70,000,000. At that time the machinery and movable property alone were valued at over \$9,000,000. A man of the locality has been paid an annual salary of \$50,000 to look after the government's interests.

The administration completed this plant before the armistice, and began to manufacture powder. It made just 4,500,000 lbs. This operation cost the government \$14,349,214.20, or a cost per pound of \$3.50. At that time the DuPonts were making and selling it to the government for much less than \$1 a pound. The peace price is about fifty cents a pound."

Next November tells the story of whether the people of this country are to be a free people or be obliged to give of their blood and treasure to foreign battlefields. Had the league of nations been signed hundreds of American youths would now be in Europe to come back in corpse ships later. The News is selfish enough to want American youth to live and die in this land, making it greater, more developed and more prosperous.

The Nashville Tennessean advises not to be allured by the smile of a young lady driving a stylish-looking automobile, as her gasoline tank might be empty. Huh! That must be a new attachment on the young lady. Thought it was on the car.

That Tracy City negro who assaulted a young white girl should be prosecuted, first for the assault, and second to locate the seller of the liquor which made him commit the deed.

### SENATOR TURNED DENTIST

The teeth in the Cameron road law as far as the farmer and owner of a "pleasure" automobile is concerned, have been removed, the fabricator thereof at recent special session of legislator, removing the special tax. The old horse thirty years old called a "half team" will now escape taxation and one of the taxes on a car will be shut off.

However, we would like for the law-monger aforesaid to define a "pleasure car." Some people combine business with pleasure, and we doubt if a purebred pleasure car can be found in Marion. Some of these Ford owners occasionally bring home a pound or two of beefsteak sold on the hoof at 5c the pound, but that is not a pleasure, it is business. It involves the expenditure of a considerable amount of democratic depreciated money and then there wouldn't be enough steak to take a second try at it. Possibly a pleasure car is one in which there is a great joy in driving when it will condescend to run, and great pleasure in repairing it in an effort to make it run.

Anyway, all cars hereafter will be "pleasure cars", and the Marion road fund will lack lots of revenue. This has been a terrible season for road repair work, and the highway department has done lots of work only to have it washed away by the torrential rains and floods, and the only way, we think, to regain this fund is to place a substantial tax on gasoline in Marion so that he that useth the road and weareth it out shall pay the price thereof.

Ninety-three per cent of the editors of Tennessee were against government ownership of public utilities as result of a canvas conducted by a press service company of N. Y. Three per cent were in favor of it, and four per did not reply or were doubtful.

Wonder if the sun will shine today, and for how long. This deluge of water is sorely trying to the nerves of those people who are endeavoring to work.

With seventeen wars now going on in Europe and Asia, it would seem to prove the league of nations the farce that it is.

Wonder if the So. Pittsburg sewer "got loose" again. Seems like that sewer is a size too small.

Six weeks from now the would-be dynasty ends.

### OPENED SEPT. 1

## Physicians' and Surgeons' Hospital

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New 50-bed hospital established Sept. 1, with two operating rooms, X-ray equipment and laboratory. The latest and best furnishings throughout.

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### COLORED SCHOOL UPROAR

There is lots of talk existent ever the peculiar handling of colored school affairs at South Pittsburg, and there seems to be a first-class row in that municipality over the matter. The city has, virtually, seceded from the county and elected a teacher for the colored school according to its own liking while the Board of Education, we understand, has elected Mrs. Oliver, a highly efficient teacher, as principal of the high school, over which it still retains control. It had been hoped for the sake of the advancement of these schools that both divisions should be under the management of Mrs. Oliver. However, she seems to have been guilty of being too active in the advancement of the school by putting on entertainments in its aid, which, by the way, the News has heard highly praised, but in her zeal spoke in praise of county officials (so it is said) whom we know are in the habit of helping anything laudable, regardless of whether their elections at some future time depended on it or not. For this she came under the ban of other politicians of different political faith, who were probably envious, and so lost her job.

Anyway, South Pittsburg has seceded, withdrawn, from under the wing of the county, *abstulit, cessit, evasit, erupit*, and there exists no colored school, in primary grades, for the Board of Education or the Superintendent of Public Instruction, which latter by the way is a gentleman by the name of D. A. Tate, long a resident of the county, to bother their heads about as to management.

This is the situation as the News understands it, subject to correction by the Hustler, an authority on the subject of school management in some ways and in others subject to attacks of crass ignorance.

We are informed that outside of some opposed to her in South Pittsburg the consensus of opinion among the colored people of the county is that Mrs. Oliver should have been retained as principal of the colored schools of South Pittsburg, both primary and high.

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### UNCLE TOM'S LETTER

I am not going to preach a sermon, but I want to tell the people some things they will do well to heed.

First, no people can be christianized until they are civilized. The preacher had as well sing psalms to a dead horse as to preach to a set that has no respect for the house of God and His worship. Here on this mountain we are reaping just exactly as we have sown. We have been too cowardly to enforce the law and as a result we've had murders by assassination, robbery, stealing and riding peoples' horses and mules, misbehavior at church and shooting of pistols around the church house and no one punished as yet, and last but not least, a white girl hugged by a negro. The law has been set at defiance with impunity, and even men are declaring that we can't do anything until we get a new judge and a new attorney general. Over 600 voters have said the law must be enforced and I take it for granted they mean what they said by their votes.

An old lady went to church on Myers Hill one night during a three weeks revival and said she was annoyed so much by a lot of girls just behind her seat with their laughing and talking the meeting didn't do her any good and she never went back anymore. Others say the same thing. The meeting seems to be a rendezvous for the disorderly gang that goes to Myers' Hill church.

One fellow said he did not think it any harm to laugh and talk before the services. Just as much harm to enter a church house and misbehave before and after service as at any other time, and some of the girls at Myers' Hill are worse than the

boys, according to report.

I know a place where no self-respecting teacher wants to teach and no preacher wants to preach—at least they don't do it. I am telling you the truth. If our magistrates will select the best men as jurors and the judge will compel witnesses to attend the court when summoned, things will change. The court has been lax along that line.

The foreman of the grand jury will do all he can and other good men will help him, I believe.

Now, I've just given an outline of conditions, and what the lax enforcement of law has produced here on the mountain.

The attorney general must wake up and push matters and the judge should do his best regardless of who it pleases or displeases. Enforce the law, I said, over 600 men have so declared. Uncle Tom.

## A. R. Pryor Garage Changes Hands

The fine A. R. Pryor, Inc., garage at Jasper is reported to have changed hands at Jasper this week, sale having been made to James Moore, W. B. Holloway and Morris Westmoreland, who will assume charge Oct. 1.

Mr. A. R. Pryor, the hustling founder of the plant, expects to locate in Birmingham, where he will have charge of the sales of Essex and Hudson cars for a territory comprising all of Alabama, Western Florida and Eastern Mississippi.

The departure of Mr. Pryor for other fields is considered by people who admire his business enterprise to be a severe blow to the growth of Marion county.

Joe Leland, of Chattanooga, spent Sunday at home, going to Bridgeport to catch train that afternoon.

## FOR SALE PAPER BAGS

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